

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has formulated any policy regarding the issue of Spectrum in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether new companies in the telecom sector have applied for launching GSM Services in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the companies which have applied for said services in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The initial spectrum is allotted to the mobile telecom services in accordance with the relevant provisions of Unified Access Service License (UASL), subject to availability of spectrum. With growth of service and increased subscriber base, additional spectrum is allotted subject to availability as per eligibility criteria which is based on the no. of active subscribers, peak traffic of the operator's network, demographic features of the service area. These criteria are reviewed from time to time taking into account relevant factors and technological developments.

(c) & (d) Recently, Government has issued 126 Letter of Intents (LOIs) for grant of UAS Licence(s) to 17 operators who have applied upto 25.09.2007, out of which 120 UAS Licence have been awarded to 16 operators. Out of this 14, operators have applied for initial GSM spectrum as per provisions of their Service Licence Agreements.